GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:208
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PEACE TALKS WITH ULFA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any outfit particularly ULFA has turned down Central Government offer for peace talks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to resume the peace talks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): An appeal has been received from Prof. Indira Goswami for `Peace Talks` with ULFA.

(b): The appeal indicated the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India without pre-conditions and also specifically referred to their `core demand` of sovereignty.

(c): The Government of India had consistently expressed to talk to all groups, which were prepared to abjure the path of violence.